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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMPROVED CUSHIONING DEVICES, GELATINOUS ELASTOMER MATERIALS AND DEVICES MADE THEREFROM filed on May 3, 1999 and having been assigned serial no. 09/303,979. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby appoint Daniel P. McCarthy (Reg. No. 36,600) and Lloyd W. Sadler (Reg. No. 40,154) as my representatives and attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All communications should be directed to Mr. McCarthy at the following address or telephone number:

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I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 to each of the following United States Patent Applications: serial no. 08/783,413, filed January 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,994,450, which claims priority to provisional patent application serial no. 60/021,019 filed on July 1, 1996; provisional patent application serial no. 60/086,344 filed on May 21, 1998; serial no. 60/096,976 filed on August 18, 1998; provisional patent application serial no. 60/084,002 filed on May 3, 1998; provisional patent application serial no. 60/084,000 filed on May 3, 1998; provisional patent application serial no. 60/084,004 filed on May 3, 1998; provisional patent application serial no. 60/085,003 filed on May 3, 1998; and serial no. 08/968,750 filed on August 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,026,527, which is a continuation-in-part of serial no. 08/601,374 filed on February 14, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,749,111.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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